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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/EX - JOAN CLARK

COMMERCE FOR DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY LAZARUS

1. WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF A COMMERCIAL SECRETARY TO HANDLE PRESENTLY OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND FILING; ASSIST IN TRADE AND BUSINESS REPORTING; AND PERMIT MORE ACTIVE CONTACT WORK BY ECONOMIC AND COMMEFCIAL OFFICERS. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE AN ESPECIALLY BUSY PERIOD BEGINNING EARLY NEXT SPRING (FIVE TRADE MISSIONS ARE SCHEDULED IN ADDITION TO BUDAPEST INTERNATIONAL FAIR). IT WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE SECRETARY ASSIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT SHE CAN NOT ONLY TAKE OVER CURRENT WORK BUT ALSO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH HUNGARIAN SITUATION BEFORE TRADE MISSION PERIOD BEGINS.

2. AS I RECALL, DEPT WAS PREPARING TO SEND US SECRETARY FOR SUCH PURPOSES BEFORE I LEFT BUT EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFICULT HOUSING PROBLEM HERE.

3. I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT LINDA WALLING, WIFE OF NEW STAFF MEMBER DUE HERE IN NOVEMBER, IS EXPERIENCED SECRETARY AND THAT SHE IS INTERESTED IN WORKING. ALSO UNDERSTAND SHE HAS SECURITY CLEARANCE SO WE COULD USE HER PROMPTLY ON

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WIFE WOULD ALSO RELIEVE US OF PROBLEM OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING,
WHICH WE DO NOT NOW HAVE AND WOULD NEED TO SEEK FROM GOH--
WITH PREDICTABLE DIFFICULTIES IN PLACE WHERE HOUSING STILL
IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY.

4. I HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN ACCORDINGLY PROMPTLY AUTHORIZE
US TO HIRE MRS. WALLING SO THAT WE CAN PUT HER TO WORK
IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL HERE IN NOVEMBER. IF SO, WE WILL
NEED APPROPRIATE DATA CABLED ON POSSITION NUMBER, GRADE
AND AUTHORIZATION.
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